

## **ELKO INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER**

### **News Release**

**Sunday, July 2, 2006, 9:00 a.m.  
Elko County Fires, Update #15**

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### **FIREFIGHTERS WRAPPING UP LARGE FIRES**

#### **Elko, Nevada ... The large fires burning in Elko for the past week, nearly done**

The Sneekie Fire, about 5 miles west of Jiggs, Nevada, which burned about 10,400 acres was declared contained at 6:00 a.m. today. Crews are completing mop up. Fire engines, crews, and equipment are being released to their home units or assigned to other fires in Nevada and the west. At its peak, over 300 people worked on the fire.

The Suzie Fire, northwest of Elko, has burned over 79,000 acres and is now 90% contained. Full containment is expected for late today. Today, crews are expected to complete mop up and rehabilitating the fire lines. Some isolated islands are continuing to burn inside the fire perimeter. Fire engines and crews on the Suzie Fire are also available today for assisting with initial attack in the event of new fire starts.

Fire fighters responded to four new fires scattered across Elko County on Saturday and quickly extinguished them. Currently engines are en route to an estimated 2-acre fire in the northwest corner of Elko County on the Nevada/Utah border.

“Our fire fighting resources in Elko County remain on alert to respond to any fire reports as quickly as possible and keep the fires small. Today’s weather forecast is scattered afternoon thunderstorms like we had yesterday,” said Jeff Arnberger, BLM Elko Field Office Acting Fire Management Officer. “To report wild fires, people should call **775-748-4000, 775-738-FIRE, or 911.**”

**A fire state of emergency was declared in Elko County by the Elko County Commission and a 30-day ban on burn barrels remains in effect.**

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